Size isn’t everything. A visitor entering Scaife Hall in 1963 saw this faculty directory upon entering the building (there are nearly 2,300 regular faculty at Pitt Med today and even more “volunteer” faculty). Safar, Jerne, Knobil, Fisher, Myers, Youngner. This roster includes, respectively, the popularizer of CPR, a Nobel Prize winner for his parsing of immunology, a man whose work formed the basis of reproductive endocrinology, the surgeon who proved breast-sparing lumpectomy was often just as effective as radical mastectomy, one of the world’s best-regarded internists who was also an early developer of computer-aided diagnosis, and the virologist behind the killed-virus polio vaccine.

Bert O’Malley (MD ’63), who went on to become the progenitor of molecular endocrinology, called the faculty “one of the most talented and intelligent groups of teachers I have seen anywhere.

“Jack Myers was the epitome of all U.S. teachers of medicine, and someone who set the highest standards for all other faculty.” —Joe Miksch